

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for February 2015

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



- **Liberty Tax Service: MILITARY APPRECIATION**

For a limited time, Veterans & Active Duty Military can get their taxes done for **FREE** at Liberty.

February 15 – February 21

Call Liberty Tax Service, 5 Broad Street, Glens Falls NY 12801, Phone: 518/636-2075

- **2015 Hiring Our Heroes – Latham:** There will be a Hiring Our Heroes Event in Latham, NY on March 5, 2015 from 10am – 1pm. Register for **FREE** online at HiringOurHeroes.org/events or call 202-463-5807.

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Veterans play an important role in agriculture. The **Farmer Veteran Coalition** is a program working to unite the farming and military communities by connecting veterans to agriculture opportunities.

To help promote the **Farmer Veteran Coalition**, Farm Credit East announced today that it has provided a \$5,000 grant to support the work of the Coalition in the Northeast. The funds will support Dr. Michele Pfannenstiel, coordinator of New England Activities.

"The **Farmer Veteran Coalition** is excited to begin a great partnership with Farm Credit East," said Dr. Pfannenstiel. "Agriculture is a great industry and our veterans have the necessary skills and determination to be successful farmers and farm employees to further advance the industry."

Farm Credit East CEO, Bill Lipinski, noted, "As a nation we admire the dedication and sacrifice that our veterans have shown. We look forward to working with the **Farmer Veteran Coalition** to promote and further develop efforts that can assist veterans interested in an agriculture career."

The **Farmer Veteran Coalition** and Farm Credit East will work together on Northeast initiatives to assist veterans interested in careers associated with farming. These joint efforts will include hosting workshops on financial management and business planning and promotion of the [Homegrown by Heroes](#) program, a marketing initiative that allows farmers and/or agricultural producers who have served in any branch of the U.S. military to use the Homegrown by Heroes logo on their agribusiness signage and /or agricultural products.

In addition, Farm Credit East offers a number of programs and incentives to help new veteran farmer ventures get their business off the ground. Our Young, Beginning, Small and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Incentive program (YBSV) offers discounts on services such as farm accounting software, tax preparation, consulting and appraisal for up to five years. These customers also receive discounts on FSA guaranteed loan fees and interest rate assistance. Farm Credit East also offers FarmStart, LLP, a program to assist farmers in the early stages of their business when the demands for capital and financial management skills often make it difficult to establish their business.

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Farm Credit East extends more than \$5.5 billion in loans and has 21 local offices in its seven-state service area. In addition to loans and leases, the organization also offers a full range of agriculturally specific financial services for businesses related to farming, horticulture, forestry and commercial fishing. Farm Credit East is governed by a 17-person board of directors. For more information, go to FarmCreditEast.com.

The mission of the **Farmer Veteran Coalition** is to mobilize veterans to feed America. The Coalition serves military veterans of all eras and branches, working with veterans, their families, employers and mentors to support those returning to or beginning careers in food and farming. Through their efforts, veteran farmers develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities. For more information, visit <http://www.farmvetco.org/>